

Town of Searsport, Maine
Select Board Meeting

February 6, 2024

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Bradstreet, Vice Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Mark Bradstreet Vice Chair, Steve Tanguay, and Linda Payson were all present. Chair Doug Norman and Sandra Otis-Anderson were absent. There is a quorum present.
4. Announcements: James introduced Lynn Roberts as the candidate for the town clerk's position. She is highly recommended by James Gillway, Town Manager. Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to confirm Lynn Roberts as the new Town Clerk. Seconded by Linda Payson. Vote: 3-0-0
5. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the minutes for the January 16, 2024 select board meeting, Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0
6. Acceptance of the agenda: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of one 11th hour agenda item. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 3-0-0
7. Public Comment: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Liquor License and Special Amusement for Hey Sailor. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to approve the liquor license and special amusement license for Hey Sailor. Seconded by Steve Tanguay. Vote: 3-0-0
 - b. Information Center Disposition: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table this item until the next select board meeting. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0
 - c. 2024 Budget Votes: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table this item until the next select board meeting. Seconded by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 3-0-0
9. New Business:
 - a. 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to table this item until the next select board meeting. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 3-0-0
 - b. Waldo County School Safety Mutual Aid Agreement: Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to table this item until the next select board meeting. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0
 - c. CMP Pole Permit Requests: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to approve and sign the CMP pole permits. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0
 - d. Water District Appointment: Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to table the appointment of the incumbent Bruce Mills to the Water District Board until the next Select Board meeting. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 3-0-0
 - e. Shellfish Management Plan: Motion: Steve Tanguay presented the Shellfish Management Plan that has already been approved by the State. He would like the Select Boards consent as well. Linda Payson made a motion to approve the Shellfish Management Plan for 2024. Seconded by Mark Bradstreet Vote: 3-0-0
 - f. Wastewater Rate Study: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to table this item to the next available work session of the Select Board. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 3-0-0
10. 11th Hour:
 - a. Advertising: It has been approved by the board to spend money from the TIFF funds to advertise the town. James would like to have that amended to be able to spend all of the

funds until they are expended. No formal vote was taken. The board members present expressed their agreement to James request.

- b. Policy Change: Night Patrol for the Police Department. James explained that this has already been placed into practice. He wants to waive the waiting period and to immediately move this into the policy book. Motion: Mark Bradstreet made a motion to waive the waiting period on this policy change and move it immediately to the policy book. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

11. Correspondence: A stabilization reimbursement check has been received from the State of Maine in the amount of \$22,239.46. Penobscot Energy Recovery Company has sent an update. We continue to be on the bypass. They hope to back up and running by early spring. A letter from Ralph Saturnino advising the town that his insurance company has denied his claim for damages caused by the road construction. James has taken this to Gordon Contracting. A letter from James Gillway to Ashley Krulik, Community Resilience Partnership Program Manager regarding the town's support of the grant application process. A letter from MMA documenting our participation and the invoice for 2024. Charter Communications advising us of several line up changes. Letter from Waldo County Registry of Deeds notifying the town of their planned move. Two thank you cards from Lynn Calista and Dorothy Alling. Notification letter from the state regarding approval of the proposed shellfish license allocations for 2024. James stated that the ambulance collection account stands at \$238,727.00 for 2023. This represents the highest amount collected in any year in the history of the ambulance department. James shared a copy of the post cards that Maine Jobs for Maine Workers have for folks to show their support for developing a port in Searsport to launch Maine's offshore wind industry.

12. Treasurer's Warrant. Motion: Linda Payson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's warrant pending signatures by the Select Board. Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

13. Town Manager's Report: Attached

14. Select Board Reports: Linda Payson let everyone know the next meeting of the special events committee will be on 2-13-2024 at 2:00. She noticed the road work signs are beginning to reappear and urges everyone to be patient and work together as the work begins to pick back up. Steve Tanguay wanted to thank everyone who is working together on the advertising of our town targeted for the early spring. The DOT sent a representative to talk about new signs and stated that when they are done the town will take care of the rest. Mark Bradstreet talked about the continued work on the road. The Senior Day at the Community Building is on Thursday February 15th. He will be providing a mock auction as the entertainment.

15. Public Comment and the Viewing Public Comments: None

16. Executive Session M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement): Linda Payson made a motion at 6:41 pm to exit regular session and enter into executive session in accordance with M.R.S.A. 1 405 (6) (F) Confidential – (General Assistance Matters and Poverty Abatement). Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

Steve Tanguay made a motion at 6:48 pm to exit executive session and return to the regular session. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 3-0-0

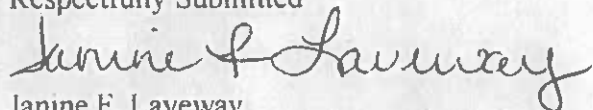
17. Decisions from Executive Session: Motion: Linda Payson made the following motions:

WP24-05 to approve the purchase of 100 gallons of K-1 Kerosene heating fuel from the Jenny Lawrence Fund.

Seconded by Steve Tanguay Vote: 3-0-0

18. Adjournment: Motion: Steve Tanguay made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Seconded by Linda Payson Vote: 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janine F. Laveway". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Janine F. Laveway
Board Recorder

APPROVED MARCH 5, 2024